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PROCURE MENT

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1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF
THE JAPANESE CABINET DECISION OF JANUARY 13, 1978,
TO IMPROVE GOJ PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES. DECISION
WAS PURSUANT TO STRAUSS-USHIBA STATEMENT OF THAT
DAY.

2. BEGIN TEXT: "CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT
IN OUR COUNTRY, THE SYSTEM IS TO TREAT FOREIGN
SUPPLIERS AND DOMESTIC SUPPLIERS EQUALLY. HOWEVER,
IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESENT ECONOMIC SITUATION,
EFFORTS WILL BE MADE FOR FURTHER OPERATIONAL
IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES SET
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FORTH BELOW, INORDER TO ENSURE STILL MORE
THOROUGH ENFORCEMENT OF THE PURPORT OF NON-
DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
SUPPLIERS.

"1. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE
COMPETITIVE-CONTRACT FORMULA.

"2. IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE REGARDING THE METHODS TO BE USED FOR OFFERING INFORMATION, ETC., CONCERNING GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT.

"3. CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PERIOD OF TIME PERMITTED FOR SUBMITTING BIDS, IN ORDER TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATION.

"4. EFFORTS WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF OPERATIONS CONCERNING THE PROCEDURES FOR BIDDING, ETC." END TEXT.

3. THE COORDINATION DIVISION OF EPA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CABINET DECISION WITH GOJ. EPA HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH EACH GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND IS WORKING ON A CONSENSUS THAT WILL SERVE AS A COMMON BASIS UPON WHICH EACH AGENCY CAN BUILD ITS OWN PROCUREMENT SYSTEM. WE HAVE REQUESTED DETAILS ON THOSE IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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